Appl. No. 10/674,896 Amdt. dated November 23, 2004

Reply to Office Action of September 28, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** 

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-12 are pending in the application with claim 5 having been

canceled.

Claims 1-4 and 6-12 have been found allowable.

Claim 5 has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent

form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the of a previous claim. Applicant has

been required to cancel the claim or rewrite the claim in independent form. According to the

Examiner: "The limitation introduced in claim 5: carrying out the process of claim 1 wherein

in the overbasing step is carried out in the presence of a promoter is already present in

independent claim 1."

Claim 5 has been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for

allowance and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

22 NOU 04

Q Q Ltti neg.No. 30,754

Reg. No. 24,732

Levy & Grandinetti

Suite 408

1725 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20006-1419

(202) 429-4560

Page 5 of 5